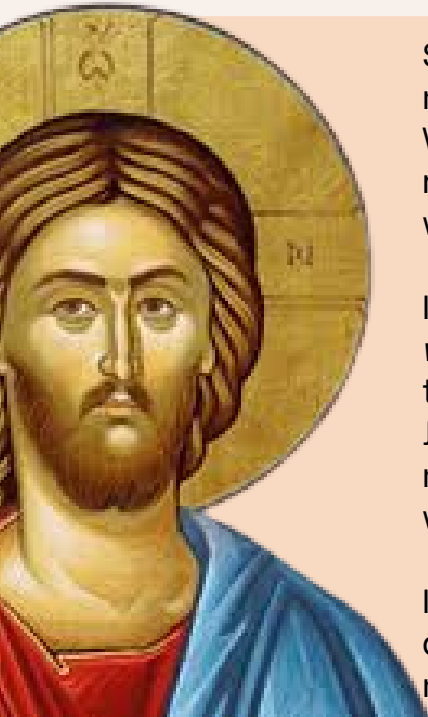


OCTOBER 5, 2025

MYOCN PEW PALS



Second Sunday of Luke



St. Paul reminds us that we are the temple of the living God. That means God doesn't just live in a church building—He lives in us, too. When we love Him and keep our hearts pure, and try to do what is right, God's presence shines in us. St. Paul encourages us to live in a way that is holy, like true children of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the Golden Rule: ***“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”*** He also tells us to love even our enemies, to be kind to people who may not be kind back, and to show mercy. Jesus says, *“Be merciful, just as your Father in heaven is merciful.”* This means that as Orthodox Christians, we don't just treat others nicely when it's easy—we show God's love to everyone, even when it's hard.

It's easy to treat friends well when they're nice to you. But Jesus is asking us to live differently – to treat others with mercy even when it's not easy.

Family Homework

Golden Rule Challenge: As a family, talk about one way each person can live the Golden Rule this week (sharing, forgiving, including someone).

Prayer Corner: Add a cross or icon to your prayer space and say together: “Lord, help us to be merciful as You are merciful.”

Memory Verse

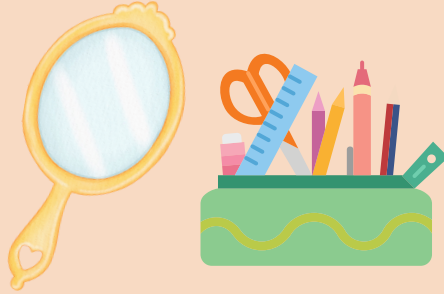
**“And just as you want
men to do to you, you
also do to them
likewise.”
– Luke 6:31**

CRAFT – Magic Mirror Craft

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED

MATERIALS:

- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Paint or markers
- Sequins/gems/stickers (optional for decorating)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Trace & Cut the Mirror:** Sketch a simple handheld mirror shape (oval/circle “glass” with a frame and handle). Trace onto cardboard and cut out the frame + handle. Cut out the **inner oval/circle** where the “glass” will be.
- **Make the Reflective “Glass”:** Cut a piece of **aluminum foil** slightly larger than the inner opening. Smooth it flat, then glue it **behind** the opening so the shiny side faces front. (Press gently to avoid wrinkles.)
- **Paint & Decorate the Frame:** Paint (or color) the frame and handle.
- Write the verse around the edge: **“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Luke 6:31)**



DISCUSSION PROMPT

“Can you think of a time when you wanted someone to treat you kindly? How can you use the Golden Rule to treat others that same way this week?”

SAINT STORIES

PELAGIA THE RIGHTEOUS

Saint Pelagia lived in the city of Antioch a long time ago. At first, she did not live a holy life. She was known for her beauty and wealth, but she used them in sinful ways. People admired her on the outside, but inside she felt empty and far from God.

One day, Pelagia heard the preaching of Saint Nonnus, the bishop of Edessa. His words touched her heart so deeply that she wanted to change her life completely. She was baptized, left behind her old way of living, and gave her wealth to the poor.

After her baptism, Pelagia moved to Jerusalem, where she lived in a small cell on the Mount of Olives. She disguised herself as a monk so she could live in peace and prayer. For the rest of her life, she prayed, fasted, and served God in humility. Because of her repentance and devotion, the Church honors her as Pelagia the Righteous. Like Pelagia, we can show our love for God through repentance, prayer, kindness, and humility.

Commemorated on October 8